



In re the Application of: **Matsutaro MIYAMOTO et al.**

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Sir:

Applicants request a copy of the form PTO-1449 that accompanied the September 25, 2002 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). As the applicants explained in their July 13, 2004 submission, the copy of the form PTO-1449 that accompanied the December 27, 2002 Office Action did not have all the listed entries initialled to indicate review by the Examiner. Applicant requests again that such copy now be provided.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in the August 12, 2004 Advisory Action, page 2, which indicates that all references listed in the September 25, 2002 IDS have been considered. Applicants do not dispute this statement. However, applicants request that a fully-initialled PTO-1449 form be made officially of record to reduce the chance that a patent maturing from the present application would issue without all the submitted references listed on its face.

The assistance of the PTO in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
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